
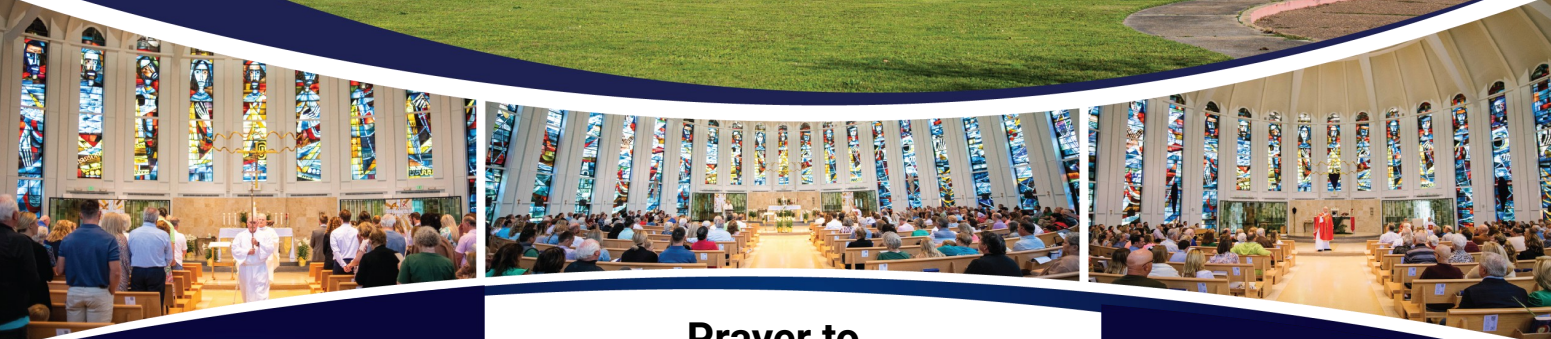


<p><i>In Loving Memory of Lusk, Baker, McCaleb, Ryan, & Aken Families</i></p>	<p><i>In Memory of Kathy Theriot 11/27/45-12/28/20</i></p> <p><i>We love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck. You are forever in our hearts. Love, Bubba and your family</i></p>	<p><i>In loving memory of Nicolas & Loyce Hire Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021 & Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022</i></p> <p><i>Together in Heaven</i></p>	<p><i>Always in our hearts Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Sr, Lola Broussard Derouen, Victoria "Tori" Felsher, Rogers "Poochie" Broussard, Aldo & Anna Caprari, Everise Boudreaux Broussard, Wayne Kopszywa, & Cyrus A. Broussard</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of Berniece Louise Garner Dec. 8, 1932—Dec. 22, 2022</p> <p>Truly an example of "Amazing Grace"</p>	<p>NEW TO THE PARISH: If you are a recently registered new parishioner or if you are interested in joining our community – we extend a very warm word of "Welcome!" to you. We would love the opportunity to speak with you! Please contact the Office at 228.435.5578 and leave your name and contact information so we can contact you. We are delighted that you are with us!</p>	<p>Available on the App Store ANDROID APP ON Google play</p> <p>myParish The App for Catholic Life Every Day™</p> <p>Have you downloaded this app yet? It's a one stop shop for real time information about St. Michael via your cell phone. Consider downloading today and select our Parish after opening.</p>	<p>WE ARE ALL GIVEN TALENTS TO SHARE.</p> <p>The Lord has told us that he will come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Though the timing is unpredictable, this end is inevitable and inescapable. Let us be prepared to give an account of the ways in which we have used our gifts for the benefit of others.</p>
<p>WORD on FIRE. Word on Fire harnesses <i>beauty, goodness, and truth</i> to draw people into or back to the Catholic faith.</p>	<p>Stay in the Know with the Diocese of Biloxi Friday Email Newsletter</p> <p>GULF PINE FRIDAYS</p>	<p>Your ad here</p>	<p>Your ad here</p>
<p>HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT! Open your heart, home, and family to a foreign exchange student for the 2025-2026 school year! International Cultural Exchange Service is looking for loving families to host students from across the globe. If you would like more information contact Emily Aldrich at 228.234.6613 or ealdrich@icesusa.org</p>	<p>SUE STONE Owner EVENT PLANNING AND DESIGNS OF BILOXI 228-233-6074 228-223-4024</p>	<p><i>Remember in Prayer The Misko & Skrmetta Families</i></p>	
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St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of April 26 & 27, 2025

Established 1917

Confessions

Saturday 4 - 4:30 pm
or by appointment

Office Hours

Tuesday–Thursday
8:30 - 2:30 pm
or as posted

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Mass Schedule

Weekends
Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 10 am

Weekdays
Tuesday - Friday 8 am

Monsignor Dominick Fullam, Pastor

Robert Wescovich Jr., Deacon | Jessica Gollott, Administrative Assistant



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Apr 26.....For the People
 Sun, Apr 27.....+Mary Beth Cvitanovich
 Tue, Apr 29.....+Lola Derouen
 Wed, Apr 30.....+Ursula Skrmetti
 Thu, May 1.....+Migues Family
 Fri, May 2.....Special Intentions

IN OUR PARISH

OCIA: Congratulations to the newest members of our Catholic Faith!

BULLETIN ADS: If you would like to run a on the back of our bulletin please contact the church office for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please call the church office to request a Mass for your special intention (s).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please keep our children preparing for their First Reconciliation (4/9) and First Holy Communion (5/3) in your prayers. If your child is making their First Holy Communion with their school or CCD class and you would like them to be recognized with the St. Michael First Communion group, please submit the child's name to the parish office.

\$10K RAFFLE FUNDRAISER is off to a great start! Books of tickets have been mailed to you, if you have not received yours or if you need more to sell, call 228.697.2559. Tickets can be purchased in the vestibule.

ROSARY LEADER SIGNUP IN VESTIBULE: For the month of May the Rosary will be said 20 minutes prior to Masses.

PARISH CENSUS: Update all information by May 31 using the form or QR code.

WEEKLY OFERING

Apr 18 Good Friday.....\$392
 Apr 19 & 20.....\$7450.35

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Apr 26 & 27.....Catholic Home Missions
 May 3 & 4.....St. Michael Church

MINISTRIES: God is calling YOU. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters, and Altar Society members. Prayerfully consider God's calling to serve your St. Michael Family. Call 228.435.5578

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The SVDP provides assistance each Wednesday from 10—11 am. We value your time and your donations! Your continued support helps to ensure SVdP is able to provide support for those in need.

STELLA MARIS EXPLORERS homeschool ministry serving catholic children grades PK3-12th with a Thursday morning program in the FLC. If you're interested in dropping in for a club meeting or to get more information, please visit our website (StellaMarisExplorers.com).

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
 ALTAR SERVERS
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
 GREETERS
 LECTORS**

Sat, Apr 26 5 pm	Ira Elijah Jones George & Rose Sliman Don & Susan Pizzetta Darnell Schreck
Sun, Apr 27 10 am	Douglas Roll Therese Drake & Noel Aucoin, Jr. Larry Girouard & Bridgette Whiting Laurri Garcia
Sat, May 3 7:30 pm	Jimmy Smith Darnell Schreck & Debbie Smith Don & Susan Pizzetta LaWanda Jones
Sun, May 4 10 am	Phil Rodrigue Kim Touchet & Mary Rodrigue Pete Broussard & Kenneth Girouard Cynthia Powell

IN OUR DIOCESE

DIOCESE OF BILOXI PASSPORT FOR THE 2025

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE: The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope Passport was created to encourage and allow you to pilgrimage across the coast this year, Pick up a passport in the vestibule of the Church.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL: Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year.

**2nd Sunday of Easter
 Background on Gospel Reading
 Divine Mercy Sunday**

**John 20:19-31
 Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.**

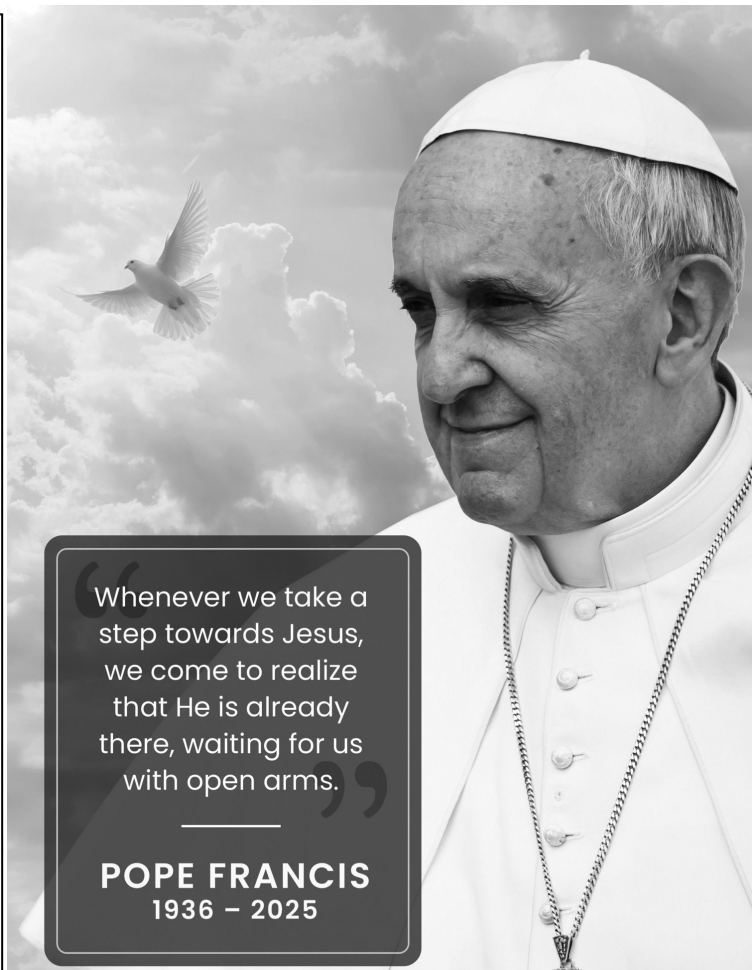
Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus? Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.



Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms.

POPE FRANCIS
 1936 – 2025

For Pope Francis, our beloved Holy Father, That the Lord, who called him to serve as the Vicar of Christ on earth, may now welcome him into the joy of the eternal banquet, granting him the reward prepared for the faithful shepherds of His Church. May he rest in the peace of Christ, whom he loved and proclaimed.

Amen

